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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ryoei OKA, et al.

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For: METHODS OF PRODUCING SYNTHETIC RESIN WIRE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372, requiring election of either:

In the Office Action dated May 6, 2003, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of one of the following:

Group I. Claims 1 through 6, directed to a method of making a synthetic resin rod

using a specific cooling range; or

Group II. Claims 7 and 8, directed to a method of making a synthetic resin rod using

a leak-preventing device.

In response, Applicants elect to process claims 1 through 6 (Group I) directed to a method of making a synthetic resin rod using a specific cooling range. Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 6 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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